

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A patient support comprising:
a frame including a head end, a foot end, and longitudinal sides extending therebetween;
a board coupled to one of the head end and the foot end of the frame, the board including a curved portion on one end adjacent to one of the longitudinal sides of the frame;
a deck panel coupled to the frame, the deck panel including a corner portion adjacent the board, the deck panel and board defining a first gap therebetween, the corner portion being elevated to converge toward the curved portion of the board to narrow the first gap; and
a siderail coupled to one of the longitudinal sides of the frame, the siderail and the board defining a second gap therebetween, the siderail including a curved end portion adjacent to the board end portion to converge to narrow the second gap.
2. (Original) The patient support of claim 1, wherein the siderail and the deck panel define a third gap therebetween, the third gap narrowed by the curved end portion of the siderail and corner portion of the deck panel.
3. (Original) The patient support of claim 1, wherein the corner portion of the deck panel includes an opening.
4. (Original) The patient support of claim 1, wherein the corner portion of the deck panel includes a handle portion formed within the deck panel.
5. (Original) The patient support of claim 1, wherein the corner portion of the deck panel is elevated upwardly relative to the remainder of the deck panel.
6. (Original) The patient support of claim 1, wherein the siderail includes a coplanar section and the curved end portion is continuous with the coplanar section.
7. (Original) The patient support of claim 1, wherein the siderail has upper and lower edges defining a first height of the siderail and the curved end portion of the siderail has a second height, the first height substantially equal to the second height.
8. (Original) The patient support of claim 1, wherein the board has upper and lower edges defining a first height of the board and the curved portion of the board has a

second height, the first height substantially equal to the second height.

9. (Original) A patient support comprising:

a frame including a head end, a foot end, and longitudinal sides extending therebetween;

a board coupled to one of the head end and the foot end of the frame;

a siderail coupled to one of the longitudinal sides of the frame, the siderail and the board defining a first gap therebetween; and

a deck panel coupled to the frame, the deck panel including a corner portion being adjacent to the siderail and the board, the deck panel and board defining a second gap therebetween, the deck panel and the siderail defining a third gap therebetween, the deck panel including a corner portion being elevated to converge toward the siderail and the board to narrow the second and third gaps.

10. (Original) The patient support of claim 9, wherein the corner portion is angled upwardly relative to the remainder of the deck panel.

11. (Original) The patient support of claim 9, wherein the siderail has a longitudinal axis parallel with the longitudinal sides of the of the frame, the siderail includes a transverse portion transverse to the longitudinal axis of the siderail, the transverse portion narrows the first gap.

12. (Original) The patient support of claim 9, wherein the board includes an extended portion configured to extend toward the siderail to narrow the first gap.

13. (Original) The patient support of claim 9, wherein the board includes an extended portion configured to extend toward the siderail and the siderail includes an extended portion configured to extend toward the board, the extended portions narrow the first, second, and third gaps.

14. (Original) The patient support of claim 9, wherein the corner portion of the deck panel includes a handle formed within.

15. (Original) The patient support of claim 9, wherein the ends of the frame have a first transverse axis and the board defines a second axis parallel to the transverse axis, the board includes a longitudinally extending portion perpendicular to the second axis, the longitudinally extending portion narrows the first gap.

16. (Original) A patient support comprising:

a frame including a head end, a foot end, and longitudinal sides extending therebetween;

a board coupled to one of the head end and the foot end of the frame;

a deck panel coupled to the frame, the deck panel including a corner portion adjacent one of the head end and the foot end of the frame, the deck panel and the board defining a first gap therebetween; and

a siderail coupled to one of the longitudinal sides of the frame, the siderail including longitudinally spaced apart ends, the siderail and the board defining a second gap therebetween, the siderail and the deck panel defining a third gap therebetween;

a first curved portion coupled to at least one of the board, deck panel, and the siderail, the first curved portion configured to narrow one of the first, second, and third gaps; and

a second curved portion coupled to at least one of the board, deck panel, and the siderail, the second portion configured to narrow one of the first, second, and third gaps.

17. (Original) The patient support of claim 16, wherein the deck panel includes a substantially coplanar portion and the corner portion is raised relative to the substantially coplanar portion.

18. (Original) The patient support of claim 16, further comprising a third curved portion coupled to one of the board, deck panel, and the siderail, the third portion narrows at least one of the first, second, and third gaps.

19. (Original) The patient support of claim 16, wherein the board is removably coupled the frame.

20. (Original) The patient support of claim 16, wherein an opening is formed within the corner portion of the deck panel.

Claims 21-82. (Canceled).

83. (New) A patient support comprising:

a frame including a head end, a foot end, and longitudinal sides extending therebetween;

a board coupled to one of the head end and the foot end of the frame;

a deck panel coupled to the frame, the deck panel including a corner portion adjacent one of the head end and the foot end of the frame, the deck panel and the board defining a first gap therebetween and the deck panel further including a substantially coplanar portion and

corner portion is raised relative the substantially coplanar portion; and

a siderail coupled to one of the longitudinal sides of the frame, the siderail including longitudinally spaced apart ends, the siderail and the board defining a second gap therebetween, the siderail and the deck panel defining a third gap therebetween;

a first curved portion coupled to at least one of the board, deck panel, and the siderail, the first curved portion configured to narrow one of the first, second, and third gaps; and

a second curved portion coupled to at least one of the board, deck panel, and the siderail, the second portion configured to narrow one of the first, second, and third gaps.

84. (New) A patient support comprising:

a frame including a head end, a foot end, and longitudinal sides extending therebetween;

a board coupled to one of the head end and the foot end of the frame;

a deck panel coupled to the frame, the deck panel including a corner portion adjacent one of the head end and the foot end of the frame, the deck panel and the board defining a first gap therebetween; and

a siderail coupled to one of the longitudinal sides of the frame, the siderail including longitudinally spaced apart ends, the siderail and the board defining a second gap therebetween, the siderail and the deck panel defining a third gap therebetween;

a first curved portion coupled to at least one of the board, deck panel, and the siderail, the first curved portion configured to narrow one of the first, second, and third gaps;

a second curved portion coupled to at least one of the board, deck panel, and the siderail, the second portion configured to narrow one of the first, second, and third gaps; and

a third curved portion coupled to one of the board, deck panel, and the siderail, the third portion narrows at least one of the first, second, and third gaps.